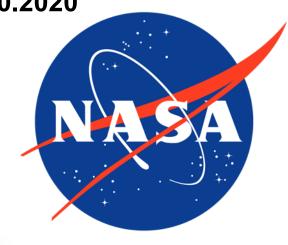
# **Integrated Battery Systems for Electrified Flight**

NASA Electrified Powertrain Flight Demonstration – 11.30.2020







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## **Engineering Overview**

## Strong team with relevant combined experience across key engineering disciplines

## **Romeo Engineering Overview**

- 60+ battery-specific engineers
- Deep knowledge experts team across all core engineering disciplines including electrical, thermal, chemical, mechanical, electrochemistry
- Team members experienced with multiple prolific vehicle launches
- Combining automotive, space, and aviation tech to create the most advanced battery systems for electric vehicles
- 7 GWh-capable, fully functional manufacturing and R&D center located in Los Angeles, California

#### **Select Professional Experience**













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## Representative Product Launch Experience of Romeo Engineering Team

















Tesla Roadster

Tesla Model S

Tesla Model X

Faraday Future FF91

Fiat 500e

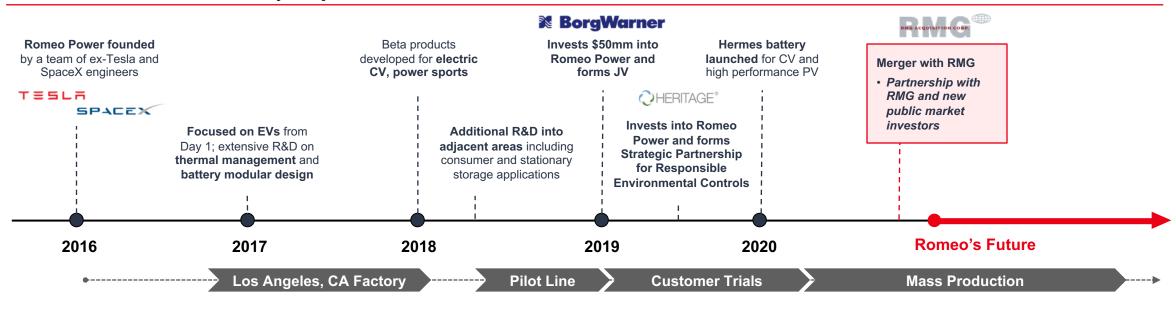
Porsche Cayenne Hybrid

Apache Helicopter SpaceX Dragon Rocket

## **Evolution of Romeo**

## Demonstrating major milestone achievements and progress on vision in less than four years

## Romeo's Evolution and Growth Trajectory



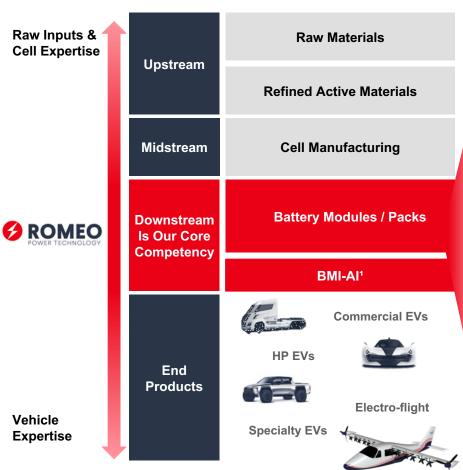






# **Core Focus on Battery and Module Packs**

# Battery Engineering



## **How Does Romeo's Technology Enhance EV Performance?**

	Cell Science Design and Engineering	<ul> <li>Romeo performs extensive independent evaluation of cells and closely collaborates with industry leading cell manufacturers at early development stages of next generation cell technology</li> <li>Cell selection process based on energy density, quality and safety standards</li> </ul>
	Modular / E-Plate Technology & Electro-Mechanical Engineering	<ul> <li>Designed for durability and crashworthiness; fulfills requirements for volume production such as manufacturability and serviceability</li> <li>Modules are designed to meet the highest safety standards and have undergone extensive testing and broad-based customer validation</li> </ul>
	Thermal Engineering	<ul> <li>Designed for consistent temperature distribution within and among all battery cells guaranteeing lifetime maximum battery performance</li> </ul>
	Battery Management System (BMS)	<ul> <li>Creates a singular platform enabling all customers to benefit from field testing of electronic and software for prototypes through scaled deployment</li> <li>Established safety measures system, including isolation monitoring, high voltage interlock, manual service disconnect, hardware and software protections</li> </ul>
	BMI-AI <sup>1</sup>	<ul> <li>Maximize total fleet battery health by leveraging machine learning to help reduce total cost of ownership</li> <li>Learn aging factors from field behavior based on feedback from battery population health optimization</li> <li>Provide individual decisions that benefit net total asset and increased profitability of fleet managers, and total cost of ownership</li> </ul>



# **State-of-the-Art Production Facility**

In-house design, manufacturing and testing capabilities for Romeo North America

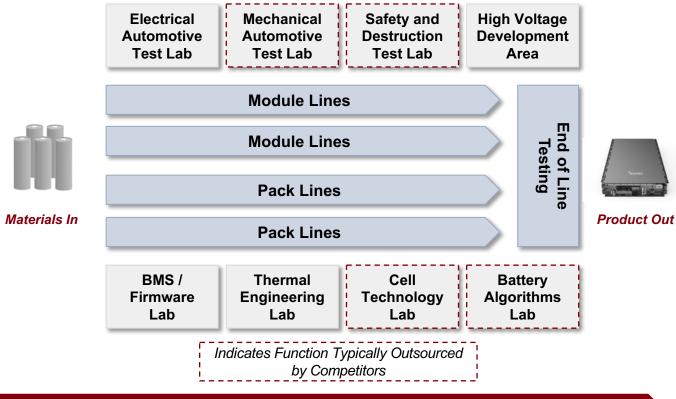
#### **Site Highlights**

- 113,000 ft<sup>2</sup> North American Headquarters, strategically located in Los Angeles to attract the best industry talent
- Deliberately designed to allow for cost effective expansion of productions lines to 7 GWh / year capability
- All key battery development labs in-house, including:
  - Reliability, Testing & Validation Lab
  - Battery Cell Test Lab (Form Factor Agnostic)
  - Battery Safety & Test Facility Section
  - Battery Management Systems Engineering
- IS09001 Certified & UL2580 Certified<sup>1</sup>

## **Production Facility Outside of Los Angeles**



#### **Romeo Facility Overview**



While many competitors outsource most testing and some assembly, Romeo's complete in-house solution-set allows the company to protect IP, ensure quality control and accelerate development and production



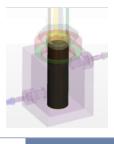
# **Technology Overview**

## Romeo's batteries use a modular design and best-in-class components

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## **Cell Science**

- Cell procurement is a carefully guided process with rigorous testing and validation processes to ensure only the best cells are selected
- Romeo's packs and modules are cell-agnostic, allowing the company to use only the best for each application, and adapt and change as new cells come to market



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## Module Technology

- Flexible and customizable design acts as a building block which allows for custom packs without needing months / years of additional R&D for each prototype
- Modules are designed to meet the highest safety standards and have undergone extensive testing and broad-based customer validation, both at the individual pack and module level



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## **Pack Technology**

- Mechanical pack design addresses key requirements – from durability and crashworthiness to manufacturability, serviceability, and recyclability
- Flexible design allows the company to reach significant scale and a broad range of customer needs without incurring significant additional costs and overhead



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#### **BMS**

- Battery management system serves as complete solution for monitoring and control
- Romeo's BMS are built on a highly configurable platform, allowing it to support a wide variety of architectures, and driving lower cost and a faster time to market when compared to peers



**Exhaustive Testing In-House** 

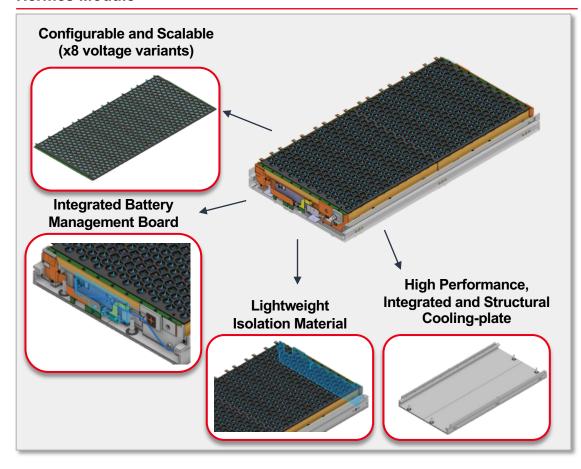
Developed by Romeo In-House



## **Module Technology**

## Flexible and efficient building block for configurable, scalable energy storage

#### **Hermes Module**



#### **Key Attributes**

- Market-leading building block with active high cooling performance
- 20-30% more energy density than same-size competitor packs <sup>1</sup>
- High stability and **superior thermal management** (<4 °C Temp delta)
- Patented and structural cold-plate technology allows for quick integration into vehicle structures.
- Electrical isolation protection achieved without compromising energy density or thermal performance 1000V working voltage.
- Liquid active cooling within **slimmest volume factor** (7% of volume)
- No fire propagation during single or multiple cell failures
- 2hr baseline charge time for optimal life (20min, fast charge to 80%)
- Highest manufacturing rate at <100 ms per Cell</li>

# **Battery Management System (BMS)**

Among the most flexible and configurable systems in the market today

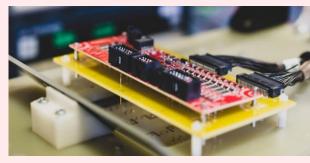
Romeo's BMS offers a complete solution for monitoring and controlling complex battery systems for automotive applications

#### **Features**

- Voltage, current, temperature, isolation measurements
- Operating modes, contactor, pre-charge and charge control
- Safety measures isolation monitoring, high voltage interlock, manual service disconnect, hardware and software protections
- Advanced battery control algorithms
- Advanced diagnostics and prognostics
- Field configurability for fast and convenient integration
- Support over-the-air updates
- Cybersecurity
- Automotive ISO 26262 compliant<sup>1</sup>



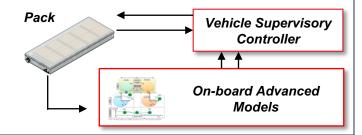
## **Value Proposition**



- Built on highly configurable platform
- Self-diagnostics
- Supports wide variety of architectures
- Operates with virtually every vehicle engine control unit
- Proven exceptional real world performance
- Low cost and robust
- Scalable from 48V to 1000V
- Faster time to market

## **Advanced Algorithms**

- Others only measure voltage, temperature and current, leading to increased buffers and cost
- Romeo utilizes a series of sophisticated realtime onboard models as a result of proprietary testing and algorithm developments:
- More accurate remaining range estimation
- More accurate battery health estimation
- Enables safer and faster charging





# **Thermal Event Safety**

## Designing a safe battery system using a collaborative effort across multiple knowledge domains

## **Thermal Event Mitigation**

#### **Cell Selection**

- Selection of safest cells only as result of elaborate testing campaign
- · Reproducible and predictable behavior

#### **Mechanical Design**

- · Robust to vibration and road failures
- Flame ablation and resistant material

#### **Electrical Design**

- Rational fusing hierarchy down to the single cell
- · Multiple disconnects and pyro devices

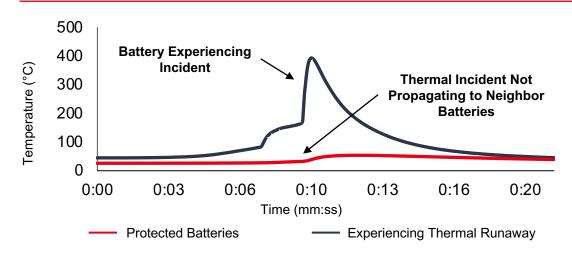
#### Pack Design

- · Venting strategy and methodology
- Crash mitigation strategy

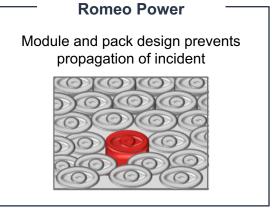
#### In-House Battery Safety Testing and Targeted Safety R&D

- Allows for continuous destructive testing and failure analysis, providing quick and precise feedback for the safest product designs
- In-house testing capabilities include:
  - Cell, module, pack and destructive testing (fire and mechanical)
  - Materials and components stability / dielectric withstand at high voltage
  - Testing and validation of venting strategies
- Abuse testing covers most stringent safety standards
- Safety group director with 10+ years of battery safety experience

#### Romeo's Solution at Work







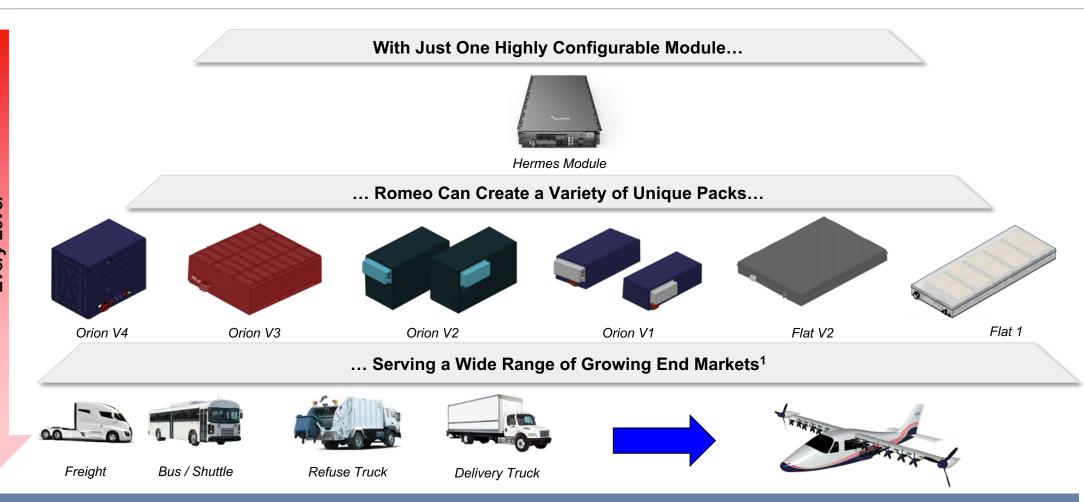
■ Experiencing Thermal Runaway



# Creating Massive Deployment Leverage at Every Level

# **Pack Technology**

Customers are willing to pay a premium for integrated products from their battery solution provider

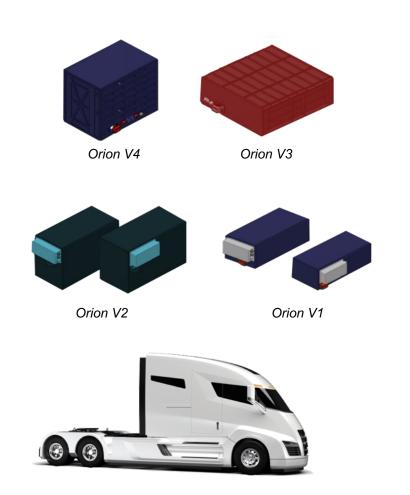


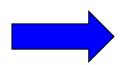
Using 4 major cells, with 8 voltage variants and 6 different packs, Romeo is able to create <u>192 products</u> utilizing the same module, manufacturing line, process and test sequence, allowing for high customizability and product expansion with ease



# Pack Technology for E-Flight

## Taking advantage of product status for trucks and commercial vehicles





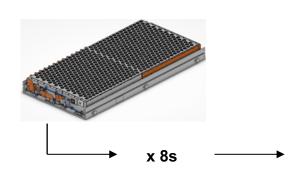


- Reduce Weight:
  - Increase structural integration
  - Utilize more lightweight materials (composites, hybrids, etc)
- Increase Power
  - Cells with high P/E ratios
- Evaluate and upgrade as needed for aviation grade redundancy and functional safety
- Other

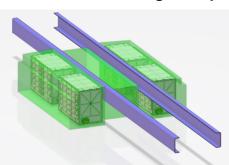


# **Example Mega Pack**

- 1.2 MWh system to achieve 900+ km
- 7+ yrs, 700,000+ km life
- Distributed system w/ ISO 26262 BMS
- Serviceable junction per pack box for ease of maintenance and access
- Single or multiple cell fault tolerance at pack level
- SAE J2380
- Temperature uniformity within 3 dimensions < 5 deg C
- Scalable system allows to add/remove energy for specific customer needs



## **Generalized mounting example:**





	Single Pack	System Level	
Application	Mega EVs		
Configuration	8S1P (Hermes 24s)	1S15P Parallel Packs	
Capacity: Total	80 kWh	1.2 MWh	
Useable	65.6 kWh	1 MWh	
Voltage Range, Operation	806 to 480 VDC		
	1.2C (approx. 96 kW) discharge	1.2C ( <mark>approx. 1440 kW)</mark> discharge	
Cont. Power	0.9C (approx. 72 kW) charge	0.9C (approx. 1080 kW) charge	
	0.31 C (approx. 25 kW) regen	0.31 C (approx. 375 kW) regen	
Peak Power	4C (approx. 320 kW) discharge	4C (approx. 4.8 MW) discharge	
(10 sec pulse)	3C (approx. 240 kW) regen	3C (approx. 3.6 MW) regen	
0 " T	-20 to 60°C (discharge)		
Operation Temp	0 to 50°C (charge)		
Dimension (overall)	844 (L) x 671 (W) x 714 (H) mm per Pack		
Volume	404 L	6,060 L	
Volumetric Energy Density	200+ Wh/L (up to 245 Wh/L)		
Weight	Less than 500 kg	Less than 4,500 kg	
Gravimetric Energy Density	Greater than 160 Wh/kg		
BMS Architecture	Distributed with CANbus Communication Over J1939		
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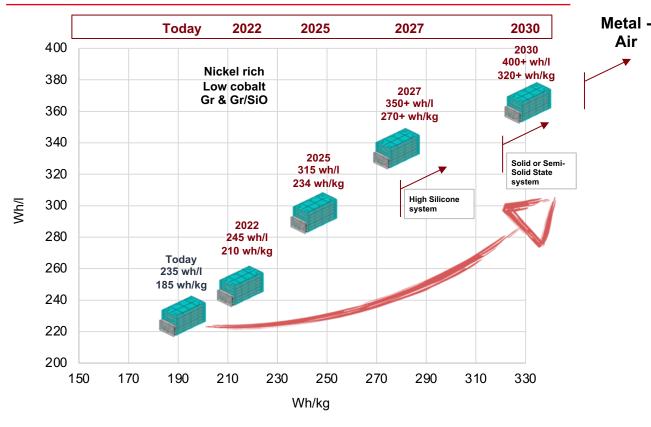
# Reducing weight, Increasing Power to Weight Ratio are in Focus



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## **Energy Density Improvements Remain Critical**



**Defined Pathway with Continuous Potential Improvements Until 2030**